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SUBJECT: CODEL VISIT TO EUROPE (SCHWEIKER) (U)

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1. (U) VISIT TO PARIS FOLLOWED ITINERARY OUTLINED IN
USDAO PARIS MSG 272028Z MAR 75.

2. (C) MEETING WITH FRENCH MINISTER OF DEFENSE BOURGES
WAS SUCCESSFUL AND EXTENDED BEYOND ALLOTTED HOUR BY 30
MINUTES. MINISTER BOURGES RESPONDED TO A WIDE VARIETY
OF QUESTIONS ON FRENCH DEFENSE POLICY (INCLUDING POLICY
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TOWARD NATO), ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION IN PORTUGAL,

AND VIEWS ON DETENTE. HIS RESPONSES WERE SUBSTANTIALLY RESTATEMENTS OF PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED FRENCH POSITIONS. HE DECLINED TO COMMENT ON THE VIABILITY OF REDUCING THE LEVEL OF CURRENT U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE IN EUROPE, INDICATING ONLY THAT THE LEVEL SHOULD BE ADEQUATE ENOUGH THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL CONSIDER THEMSELVES FULLY INVOLVED IN EUROPEAN DEFENSE. DETAILS MORE FULLY EXPANDED IN USDAO PARIS IR 6 832 0123 75.

3. SUBSEQUENT LUNCH WITH MEMBERS OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WAS HELD AT A PRIVATE CLUB NEAR THE ASSEMBLY. SUMMARY OF CONVERSATIONS ARE REFLECTED IN U.S. EMBASSY PARIS MEM CON DATED 4 APRIL 1975. COPY BEING MAILED TO STATE AND SAFLO.

4. (C) AT RECEPTION HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR RUSH, THE DELEGATION MET AND TALKED WITH GENERAL FRANCOIS MAURIN, CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE FRENCH ARMED FORCES. DURING A LENGTHLY SERIES OF CONVERSATIONS, GENERAL MAURIN REITERATED THE FRENCH DEFENSE POLICY POSITIONS STATED EARLIER BY MOD BOURGES; HE WAS MORE EXPLICIT THAN MOD BOURGES CONCERNING POSSIBLE REDUCTIONS IN THE CURRENT LEVEL OF U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE IN EUROPE, EMPHASIZING THAT ANY REDUCTION WOULD NECESSARILY DETRACT FROM THE CREDIBILITY OF U.S. AND ALLIED RESOLVE TO DEFEND AGAINST THE WARSAW PACT THREAT.

5. (U) SUMMARY: VISIT WENT OFF WELL. SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS DID NOT REVEAL ANY CHANGE IN FRENCH POSITIONS. THE CODEL APPEARED TO BE SATISFIED WITH THE LEVEL OF CANDOR EXHIBITED BY ALL CONTACTS. RUSH
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